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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Jason C. Smith

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 March 2006.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 5 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 6-14 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 March 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/S508)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 03/27/2006
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 03/27/2006 is being considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. **Claims 1-3 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jensen (6,523,480).** Jensen discloses a system for guiding (2) a vehicle (1) along a guiding rail (2), having a rolling surface (15) and at least one side surface (12) that constitutes a guiding surface (12), the system comprising: a guiding roller device (13a, 13b, 14, 16) cooperating (see Fig. 3) with the rolling surface and the side surface and including a rolling part (15) for rolling contact at a peripheral surface with the rolling surface of the rail (see col. 6, lines 50-57), and at least one side part coming into contact with the side surface of the rail facing the at least one side part (see Figures), wherein the rolling part and the side part are rotationally connected and the side part is in pin-point contact with the rail and has, at a point of contact with the rail, the same speed as the rolling part on the rolling surface on rail (the speed of the vehicle is also

reflected in the speed of the wheel 14 and the speed of the wheel 13a,b, and their points of contact with the rail); **[claim 2]** wherein the side part of the roller device (13a, 13b, 14, 16) includes at least one rolling support roller and at least one side roller and the side part has a diameter and shape for contacting the rail so that the side roller, at the point of contact with the rail, has the same speed as the rolling part contacting the rolling surface of the rail (see Fig. 3 and 4); **[claim 3]** for guiding by two parallel guiding rails having exterior side surfaces as guiding surfaces, the guiding system comprising a support roller and a side roller for each guiding rail (See Figs. 1-3); **[claim 5]** wherein areas of contact of the side roller have, in radial section, a convex profile, and contact surfaces of the rail are essentially planar (See Fig. 3).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 4 and 6-14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason C. Smith whose telephone number is (571) 270-5225. The examiner can normally be reached on M- F, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Morano can be reached on (571) 272-6684. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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